

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of districts with students like ours: 12.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from below average to good.

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

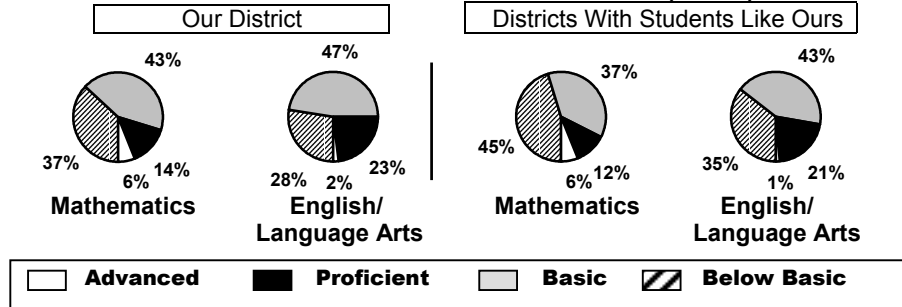
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Percent of Seniors Passing the Exit Exam	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE Scholarships	Percent of Students Scoring Basic or Above on the PACT	
			ELA	Math
All Students	98.7%	21.4%	72.5%	63.1%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	100.0%	0.0%	62.9%	38.7%
Students without disabilities	98.7%	22.7%	73.4%	65.5%
Gender				
Male	100.0%	18.2%	67.5%	62.3%
Female	97.3%	24.3%	78.3%	64%
Ethnic Group				
African-American	97.2%	16.1%	64.6%	54.2%
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
White	100.0%	25.6%	79.8%	71.6%
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	97.4%	8.3%	68%	55.7%
Pay for Lunch	100.0%	28.3%	81.9%	78.3%

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	1999	2000	2001
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	74.1%	84.6%	89.2%
Passed 2 subtests	16.5%	14.3%	6.8%
Passed 1 subtest	8.2%	0.0%	4.1%
Passed no subtest	1.2%	1.1%	0.0%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	60.5%	59.1%	62.8%
Passed 2 subtests	20.2%	19.6%	18.7%
Passed 1 subtest	12.7%	12.8%	10.4%
Passed no subtest	6.6%	8.5%	8.1%

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	21.4%	61.4%	21.4%
Districts Like Ours	14.7%	47.9%	15.4%

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
District	486	502	487	504	973	1006	17.4	17.7	18.7	17.7	18.1	17.8	17.5	18.9	17.9	18.0
State	484	486	482	488	966	974	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Nation	505	506	514	514	1019	1020	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.7	21.4	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

DISTRICT PROFILE

INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
• Dollars per student	\$6,039	N/A	\$6,345	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time	90.7%	Up from 90.3%	89.9%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio	22.1 to 1	N/A	19.6 to 1	20.2 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.1%	N/A	1.5%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=1,500)				
• Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	78.6%	N/A	46.2%	43.8%
• Attendance Rate	95.5%	Down from 95.6%	96.4%	95.7%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	7.8%	N/A	6.4%	5.8%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	8.1%	N/A	5.8%	4.5%
• Retention rate	7.2%	Down from 8.6%	7.4%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=89)				
• Professional development days per teacher	7.8 Days	Up from 6.4	8 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate	96%	Up from 95.4%	95.1%	95.2%
• Advanced Degrees	40.4%	Down from 43.2%	41.9%	44.4%
• Continuing contracts	96.6%	Up from 93.2%	80.4%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits	0%	No change	2.1%	2.2%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	90.3%	Up from 87.4%	88.3%	89.5%
• Average salary	\$34,944	Up 5.3%	\$35,235	\$37,143

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
• Annual dropout rate	1.9%	No change	2.2%	2.9%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	50.8%	N/A	51%	50.9%
• Superintendent's years in the district	11	N/A	7.5	3.5
• Parent conferences	84%	N/A	85.8%	81.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Fair	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	3	No change	6	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
• Portable classrooms	0%	N/A	4.5%	6.5%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	99%	Up from 96.5%	97.1%	97.5%
• Average administrative salary	\$64,640	Up 7.0%	\$64,168	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Suspensions and expulsions	46	N/A	122	100
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	7.7%	Down from 8.6%	8.6%	10.5%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	9%	Up from 7.9%	9.5%	10.5%

Dillon 3 School District
502 N. Richardson St.
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Grades K-12

Enrollment: 1,500 Students

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dillon School District 3 has had many challenges and accomplishments during the 2000-01 school year. We are moving forward with our plans for a new gymnasium to be built on the Latta High School campus and to be ready for use at the beginning of the 2002-03 school year. Preliminary plans are also being developed for a new auditorium and performing arts program. We have purchased a new minibus that has already been used by many groups. A new activity bus has been ordered and will be available for use during next school year. We have completed a landscaping project at Latta Middle and High Schools which includes a new sprinkler system. There is a landscaping project planned for Latta Elementary School to be completed by the end of the 2001-02 school year. The cafeteria at Latta Elementary School has been redecorated with murals on every wall.

Our district now has a full-time school resource officer with the additional benefit of having the officer accompany students and teachers to many out-of-town extracurricular events. We have had two teachers to achieve National Board Certification and several more to begin the process. Twenty per cent of our teachers had perfect attendance for the school year. Through our district's participation in the state Teacher of the Year program, June Strickland was selected as the district Teacher of the Year.

The district completed a four year strategic plan which will serve as a guide for curriculum and instruction. Our focus will be for students to perform well on state grade by grade standards and to promote the arts in our curriculum. We continue to remain on the cutting edge of technology developments by moving to the arena of hand-held computers for our students. We have continued to provide after- school and extended-school services for students through a continuing 21st Century Learning Grant at Latta Elementary School and a new 21st Century learning Grant and a Communities in Schools program at Latta Middle School.

Latta High School's SAT average is above the state average with quite a few students scoring above the national average. Over \$500,000 in scholarship money was awarded to our graduating seniors. Our sophomore class made some of the highest scores in the state on the Exit Exam. To top off a most successful year for our students, the high school boys' basketball team won a state championship.

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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